YACHTING.

The Prospects of the Coming Yachting Season.

Vice Commodore Garner's New Yacht.

The Yacht Clubs and the Reguttus and Matches to Come.

The yachting season of 1875 will probably not commence much before the 1st of June, although a number of the crack pachts will probably be affort a couple of weeks before. The past few days' sunshine has given decided indications of approaching good weather, and yacnt owners gave nastened to take advantage of the change and commence overhauling their yachts. The coming season will be unusually active, as, although there are comparatively lew new yacuts on the stocks, there has been a change of commo-fores in the three leading yacht clubs of these waters, and this infusion of new blood in the men at the beim will propadly create quite a spirited season. There is some talk also of a visit from the English cutter Frone, but it is entirely a matter of rumor, as Mr. Bouchier, the owner of the yacht, nas sent no notification to the New York Yacht Comb of any such intention. The appearance of an English cutter in these waters would have the effect of making a lively time for our crack sloops. and the stranger would doubtless be acsommodated with a race by the Vision, Addie or gracie. If Mr. Rouchier proposes to sail for the Queen's Cup it will be a matter of considerdiscussion as to how the race will be sailed, out, in all probability he will have to sail against the feet and win the cup is the same way as it was won by the America. There will be a number of private matches this season, and also severat Corinthian races. The latter regattas are becoming very popular, and were first introduced by the seawantaka Yacat Cinb, of Oyster Bay, L. I. It is understood that an attempt will be made this season to extend some of the summer exercises as hir most as Persiand. Such an arrangement would be nearthy indormed by the Eastern yacatemen, and the New York fleet would receive a hearty wel-THE NEW YORK VACUT CLUS

has a prospect of a very building season this year. that is to say if all the proposed reguttas and matches are sailed. The officers of the club are changed this year, as at a recent election the following ticket was elected:-Com-modore, G. L. Kingsland; Vice Commodore, W. A. Garner; Rear Commodore, Nicholson Kane; Treasurer, Shepherd Homans; Secretary, Charles A. Minton; Measurer, A. Cirey nith, and Fleet Surgeon, L. De P. Woodruff. The Regatta Committee are Messrs. W. Krebs. T. F. Tam and B. K. Cook. The club has increased targely in membership, as at a recent meeting over fity members were admitted. The attraction that has proved such a magnet is the new club house now in course of erection off Stapleton, staten island. For the past four or five years the ciun has had no summer roose, and consequently many of the members, who joined the club simply lor the benedia accruing during the vacuting season, have felt a little disappointed, as unless they were intimate with yacht owners and went on an occasional cruise the only favors they received were their tickets for the club boat in the annual reguttas. At the annual meeting Vice Commodore Garner proposed to build and furnish s club house and lesse it to the club at a nominal rent. Such a generous offer was, of course, too advantageous to be refused, and the work on the club house is now progressing.

THE CLUB HOUSE

will be situated on the Sats, in the centre of the best anchorage on the Staten Island shore, It is being built on a pile foundation, and will be connected with the Stapleton dock by a pier and bridge about 425 feet long. The bridge connects the pier with the nouse, and has been constructed so as to allow boats to pull all r und the house. A stairway and landing stage will be placed on the pastern side of tue, pler for the convenience of facht boats. The house itself will be two stories high, with a flat top, that is to be covered by a some-shaped roof, open at the sides, but hung with taner colored awnings. The top of the house will be used as a veranda, where, shaded from the sun, the guests can enjoy the cool breeze and the magnificent prospect, stretching out to Sandy Hook on the southeast and New York city on the northsust. The roof will be lighted at night by a large simo serve as a night signal to yachts homeward bound. The first floor of the club house will be divided up into a reception room, kitchen, steward's puntry, wine cluset and toilet room, and on the second floor there will be two large dining rooms and two tollet rooms, one for ladies and one for gentlemen. There will be a large veranda on each floor facing Long Island. The club house will be completed and furnished about the 12th of June, and will probably be formally inaugurated on the day of the annual re-

THE REGATTA or the New York Yacht Club will be sailed on Thursday, the 17th of June, over the regular course and under the direction of the Club Regatta Committee. It will, as usual, bring out the largest fleet of schooners that can be collected at any regatta given in American waters, and this season the presence of Vice Commodore Garner's new actioner will lend additional excitement to the event. The new aspirant for aquatic honors will probably be met by the Columbia, Madeleine, Tidal Wave, Palmer, Resolute, Phantom, Tarolinta, Alarm, Idler, Macie, Comet, Meta and other well thown schooners, so that her task is one not easily accomplished. The sloop contests this season will rest mainly between the Vision, the Addle. and probably Mr. Hurst's new sloop. The Gracie ans been soid out of the cinb to a gentleman who probably will only use her for cruising purposes. There will probably be several races for the

CHALLENGE CUPS this year as there are two or three in the hands of the club. The challenge cop won by the Magic in her race with the Comet last season has been returned to the club and will probably be salled for during the cruise. The Brenton's Roef Challenge Jup that was won twice by the Rambler beating the Madeletne on each occasion has also been returned to the cinb and will propably be sailed for again during the better part of the season. The Cape May Challenge Cup won by the Enchantress will probably not be sailed for this season, as the Suchantress is in English waters and will probably remain there throughout the season. Mr. Loubat Suchantress is in English waters and will probably remain there throughout the season. Mr. Loubal as seast a communication to the club offering them a \$1,000 cup which is to be sailed for over the Cape Max course in October 1876. It is open to schooners of over one hundred tons. There will mail probability, be a number of matches, as the vice commodure gives out that he means unshows and any onterprising yacutamen that wasts to give him a race can be accommodated. The new acut as already matched for a \$1,000 cup against the Madeleine, the race to be safed over the club course in October. The fidal Wave has just some out with a challenge to the matched over the club come out with a challenge to the matched to sail a race about the 20th of May, twenty inter to windward and recurs, starting from Sandy Hood, if the Madeleine accepts the match will prove very interesting to yachtemen, as there has always been adestice to see these two boars matched, sai up to this season they were owned by brothers, a connection to at proved an objection to their necting.

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more to establish the success of the club than could have been anticipated. No more popular office over server as the was always the generous, heapitable took to every member of the club; and to the mew officers of the club; dominated the success of the success

such as Columbia, Nanhattan, New Jersey, Jersey City, Wilhamsburg, Long Island, Union, Pavonia and Oceanic are all bosity engaged in preparing for the coming season. As a number of small vacints are on the stocks, and as the old proposition of a combined cruise has been revived, there is a prespect of a good time for the sand bag shifters, it is a womier that a combined cruise of two or three days has not been made before by these small chibs, as a sail up to Bridgeport or New Haven could easily be effected, and after a clambake the dest could return. In order to make the trip up interesting let the clubs subscribe together for two or three prizes for the first boats at anchor in port.

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THE SHIP YARDS

have evideed a decided activity during the past week, and all up and down the East and North rivers there are yachts on the stocks, building and repairing. There are not a very large number of new yachts in the hands of the builders, but tarte are agreat many aircrations being made in some of the well known fivers of past schools. A good many are getting their masts lengtucered, so as to be able to carry more sail, others are being lengthened forward and others aft. All hims work, however, indicates that owners are looking for speed, and as an owner that obtains speed is aiverage looking for the commodorer new being full by Joe Van Deusen, at the look of North hims street, Whitmisburg, for the New York Taont Club. This yacht is being built on a model cossely revembring that or the Commodorer new being full by Joe Van Deusen, at the look of North hims street, Whitmisburg, for of the New York Taont Club. This yacht is being built on a model cossely revembring that or the Commodore Garner is not stinting the navial architect in the way of expense the Lew craft is being built of the very best seasoned limber that money can buy. The floor imbers are of wante oak, and the limber in the top frame are of locust. The plantsharar is of Georgia pine, with himself and the call and the standards. The stern and stern frames are of oak, and to the keep them of the man and the call and the standards. The centre board truths is built of sond oak up to the water insense are of locust. The plantsharar is of Georgia pine, with his form a man and preathous are of locust. The plantsharar is of Georgia pine, with his family and preathous are of locust. The plantsharar is of georgia pine and oak garboneds. The deck frame is of Georgia pine, with his oak and and the barrown of the sairous with the first and a

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A very handsome sloop yacht is now being constructed at the yard of Messats, Albertson flecthers, at Philadelphia, for Mr. J. E. Busk, of the New York Yacht Club, She is being modelled softewhat after the lines of the sloop yacht vixen, the first sailing craft owned by Vice Commonwer Garner, who being her from the late Mr. Livingsrone, for whom she was built. Her dimensions are:

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MR. LORILLAND'S STEAN YACHT.

MR. Lennox is as usual at work on a steam yacht for Mr. Jacob Lorillard, and on this particular occasion he is determined to turn out something very last. Mr. Lorillard has built about twenty steam yacht with bit time, always looking for great speed; with natione he will probably achieve that longed-for result. The steamer ideal, built last senson by Van Deusen, proved a very decided success, and Mr. Lorillard has matched this new propelier against the ideal, to sail and steam a race round Long Island on the lat of July. She will have a very cowerful engine for her size, it being a double compound, with co-inch cylinder and 12-inch stroke. Her propelier will be 4½ feet in diameter and 9 feet pitch.

Fearth over all..... Her machinery is being made by Ward & Stanton, of Newburg. Her cabin will be airt and will be invisible in different varieties of hardwood. Forward will be the eagine room and

hardwood, forward will be the eagine room and kitchen.

Mr. F. W. Hurst, the manager of the National Line of steamers, is having a centreboard cutter built by Mr. Force, of Keyport, N. J. This craft is somewhat of a nondescript, as Mr. Hurst still retains a lancy for the English cutter, notwithstanding his appreciation of the benefits of a centreboard, and so he has compromised the matter by desipning a kind of cross between the two. Her stem and stern will be of the English cutter order and she will be fitted with a de'p centreboard. She will have a comfortable saloon with berths at the back and a good sized stateroom. Her dimensions are as follows.

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Mr. High L. Willoughby's sloop.

Mr. High L. Willoughby is having quite a large sloop built at the yard of Mr. A. A. Smith, of Isip, L. I. Mr. Smith has become quite famous as a builder since the advent of the schooner Comet, which he built last year for Mr. W. H. Langley. This new sloop has quite a fikely look, and speed is anticipated. She has also been built with a view to sea worthness and all her fasteoings and trouwork are extra strong. Her dimensions are as follows:—

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The celebrated Pat McGlehan, of Pamrapo, N. J., the builder of the Meta and the Kaiser Wilhelm, has not been lide this spring. He eas sent a small cabin sloop to Mr. Milia, of the Beverley Yacht Chuo, Boston, Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 27 feet 3 inches, and breadth of beam, 11 feet. He is at present engaged on another cabin sloop that he is building for some parties on the lakes. Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 38 feet; breadth of beam, 12 feet clinches, and depth of hold, 4 feet 3 inches.

Mr. Meeket, of the Long Island Yacht Club, is having an open facing yacht built by Harry Smedies, at the foot of Court street, Brooslyn. They annicipate great speed from ner, and intend giving fra Smith and the Brooklyn a turn. Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 25 feet; breadth of beam, 10 feet 6 inches, and depth, 2 feet 8 inches.

Mr. Bedell, of Roslyn Long Island, is building a handsome cabin sloop yacht. Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 45 feet; with of beam 14 feet 6 inches, and depth of hold a feet 9 inches. Harry Smedley is building a 20-foot race boat for Mr. Hopkins, of Brooklyn.

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Mr. John Mumm, of South Brooklyn, has just completed a small sloop yacht that looks as if she would show some speed. Her dimensions are:—Length on deck, 25 leet; breadth of beam, 11 feet, and depth, 2 leet 6 laches.

The schooner vacat Wanderer, Mr. Stilwell, of the New York Yacht club, is at Mr. Price's yard at Greenpoint, being altered from a centreboard to a keet briat. The change will give her considerably more caoin room, and, many believe, will also improve her speed.

The schooner idder, Mr. Colgate, of the New York Yacht Club, has gone to Mr. Steer's yard, at Greenpoint, to be put 15 order for the season. She is naving new masts rigard, three feet longer than the old ones, and is being fitted with a number of new saits.

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The schooner Gepsie, Mr. H. T. Livingston, of the New York Yacht Cub, is on the stocks up the Hudson. She is being lengthened forward and having a new bow put on. She will measure 76 feet when completed.

The schooner Peerless, ex-Commodore Roger Laward, of the Atlantic Yacut Cub, is lying

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The schouler Nettle, belonging to the Rev. Mr. sepworts, who has lounce the Atlantic Yachi Club, win mod ce overhauled for the Selson.

The schouler Comet, Mr. W. H. Laugley, of the New York Yacht Club, has been fitted with a new loremast. The Comet win carry a log loresaid this season.

The shoop Addie, Mr. Cornelius Roosevelt, of the Seawannass Yacht Club, is at Caril's yard, at The stoop Acdie, Mr. Cornelius Roosevali, of the Seatranhank Yacht Club, is at Carris yard, at Northpurt, undergoing extensive alterations. She is being lengthened forward some four feet, and has also been raised about ten inches. The scaconer yacht Madeline, Commodore John S. Dickerson, of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, is at Nyaca, on the Midson, undergoing necessary repairs. She will probably be in commission in about

weeks. Fort, late owner of the Suidee, has bought a tweety-eight-loot caom sloop, in hastern waters.
The sloop yacht Undine, Mr. Brashier, or the Brooklyn Yacht Club, is already at at and in The scholar Atsiants, Mr. William Astor, of the Bew York Yacht Cine, has gone to Cath's Jard, St.

City Island, to be overhauled and put in trim for the coming season.

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The schooner Columbia, Mr. Levter Wallack, of
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The sloop North Star, owned by Mr. Alexander
Tarlor, Jr., is being put in thorough trim. It is reported that a march has been made between the
North Star and Sir, Strange's last sloop yacht the
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Mr. William Parce of Economic is building a Articline.

Mr. William Force, of Keyport, is building a steam yacht for Mr. J. H. Ricker. of New Jersey.

She will be about 105 feet over all.

THE BOATING SEASON.

NEW CLUBS AND BOAT HOUSES SPRINGING UP EVERYWHERE - THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

As year succeeds year lowing as a pastime is in creasing in favor among the younger men of the city. Certainly no more healthful of agreeable exercise can be induled in, for it alike strengtheas the mind and body, waite at the same time and as a natural consequence, it insures and enforces regular habits, waich cannot but inure to the present and future moral benefit of its votaries. Each season toe roll of members entered on the books of the different clubs located in the neighborhood of New York is greatly augmented, while the number of boats of every kind, from the tragile and cranky little paper outrigger to the beavy eight-oared barge, to be seen on the rivers every afternoon throughout the summer, clearly denotes the desire that prevails among boating men to attain proficiency and endurance.

But a few years ugo, comparatively, rowing was but little indulged in, and the number of clubs located in the vicinity of the city could be counted upon the fingers' ends. The fleet of boats belonging to these organizations was also very hmited. To-day, however, owing to the impetus given to boating, through the example of the inter-collegiate confests and from the support and encou agement that is given to it by all the ablest of our public teachers, as well as from the heads of familles and others having the welfare of the rising generation at heart, this fleet has attained proportions but little drenmed of when boating was in its infancy. Then it was thought a great thing if a club pos sessed

TWO OR THREE BOATS.

such as a sculling boat, a four-oared gig and a four-oared barge. Now, every man who aspires to become a sculler is not satisfied unless he owns his own craft, while at the same time each club of any pretension whatever has in its house two or three of each kind of crait necessary to insure a fair amount of practice to its members.

The season this year, on account of the extraordinary long and rigorous winter, cannot even yet be said to have fairly opened, but already here are to be seen out on the river every fine afternoon a goodly number of men indulging in a spin just to rub off the rust gathered during the months. For the most part, however, these are the men who are hoping to carry off some of the bonors at the different regartas which will take place during the summer, and who are unwilling to lose the smallest chance of getting into the most perfect condition. As the days draw out and the sun gains greater power the feet will, doubtless, dally increase.

THE PROSPECTS. From present indications and from all the information that can be gathered there is every reason to conclude that the summer of 1875 will be a brillint one so far as boating is concerned. The various clubs are now putting their houses in order and refitting and fixing up their "abips." The boat builders, too, are as busy as they can be

members of the different cluos are naturally anxous to be the elect of their breitren, and aircauy there is some discussion to be heard as to the probabilities of success in this direction. The glorious victory of the Ward Brotners at Saratoga in 1871, when they vanquished the picked four of England as well as the other representative crews who were engaged in the same struggle, will not be soon forgotten by the lovers and followers of aquatic sports. If the amateur cluos of America would aspire to srusp the laurels in the races with their transatiantic cousins and seek to emulate the example given them by the Wards, they have no time to lose, but should do their u most to acquire proficiency by constant work and practice, no time to lose, but should do their u most to acquire proficiency by constant work and practice, so that when the time for the final struggle arrives they may be able to bear the strain with bonor to themselves and to the nation they represent. It is certain that the crews that England will send over will be composed of their very best men, and whoever expects to win a race against them will have to pull every inco of the disance. Here can be no shirking of work, then, if the goal would be won; so it is to be hoped that the clubs hailing from this Empire City and neighborhood will at once begin operations and settle down to serious and continued practice. That there is

to be hoped that the clubs haiting from this Empire City and neighborhood will at once begin operations and settle down to serious and continued practice. That there is THE MATERIAL TO BE FOUND among the boating men of America if properly brought together and reasonably trained low can doubt. All that is needed is that it should be knowingly utilized and advantage taken of the time that has to clapse before the struggle comes off, so that, by constant coaching and practice an even, strong and effective stroke can be acquired, when it may be hoped the Stars and Strues with at the finish be carried to the fore and the wreath of victory not be allowed to be transported to other and alies shores.

So far as regards who will be the men selected by the different clubs to form the crews in the four-oased races this seas in no definite information has yet been attainable. The Argonautas will no doubt struggle hard to regain their prestige and will put a strong feam out. It is thought that the Samth, Stephenson and Joe Eldred will still be kept in the saip, with a new man to take the place of Waiter Mana, who retires.

The Arannata four is not yet selected, although it is mimost certain that Mr. Gunster, late the stroke of Whilmas College, and Eustace, of Wesleran College, will be two of the chosen, and probably Van Rady or Hangy slass.

The Gramercy Boat Club talk of having a strong crew, but, noth a nite more practice mas been had necline to say who the four will be.

The Nass as are also hopeful of carrying off the pain in the Harlem Regaits; but it is questionable whether taey have sufficient strength.

Of the other clubs—the Athetic, Dauntiess, Nautius, New York and Harlem—notaing can be heard sufficiently definite to crew reter to. They are all, nowever, hopeful of making their mark, whener it be either in the schilling, pair-oated or four-oaved races.

The double scull race between blick Bainbridge, with Ed Sm th as his pariner, and F, K. Yates, with either Courties, Courties, Chapter of the first week in June. T

reininent among who is are Randail Yates, W. B.
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The Scawannakas, of Oyster Bay, are expecting to have a strong four-cared crew to work this season, and are ranking of challenging the Argonautas, of Bergen Point.

The race which it was anticipated had been arranged between J. H. Sadler, of England, and George Brown. of Hailax, seems likely to hall through. Sadler appears to be unwining to sign the articles.

John Eighb is getting together a remarkably strong crew at Newtown Creek, with John Dwyer, Dunn and fom Eritott. A race between this team and the Wards is looked for.

From all parts of the country the advices show that the season will be a prosperous one. On the Schutkill all is now active. Many good crews are to be seen practising almost daily. In fact, wherever there is to be found water satisfable to rowing purposes clubs are \$a.ringing into existence. This speaks well for the litture of ceating.

CREEDMOOR.

THIRD COMPETITION FOR PLACES ON THE AMER-ICAN RIFLE TEAM-LETTER FEOM MAJOR LEECH.

The third competition for places on the American international rifle team took place at Greedmoor yesterday. The participants in the contest were at the ranges in good time to open fire by eleven o'clock snarp. The distances shot from, nature of the rifles and ammunition and a so the number of rounds discharged by each competitor were the same as those used upon former occasions, which have been already published. The fore part of the day was more favorable to good practice than Friday. The light was more subdued and mellow, but clear and distinct. The high fiving clouds that scudded across the heavens, while preventing errors which are liable to arise from the refraction consequent upon a glaring sunshine, threw such a subdued tone of light over the targets and ranges as showed these exactly in their natural position and colors. The wind, too, was more faverable to good practice than on Friday. Yesterday it blew gently from the southeast, veering sometimes a few points toward the south or east, and finally settled down nearly due south. two o'clock, when the contestants had nearly finished at the 900 yards range, it began to rain, and continued wer at intervals during the remainder of the competition. This untoward circumstance spoiled a number of good scores, among them being those of General Dakin and Colonel Boaine, these gentlemen very naturally preferring not to shoot in the rain, especially when there was no great need for their doing so, as they stand on their last year's record.

it is right to state that some murmurs of dissatisfaction have been heard against the method adopted whereby the gentlemen forming the American team last year were allowed to stand upon their four spiendid scores made in that seaupon their four spiendid scores made in that season's contests, ending with the Bennett match. It is thought that this gives them a double chance over other competitors. In the first place, when the scores upon which inese gaptiemen now stand were made, the weather was much more favorable than at present, and it was at the close of a whole season's practice, of which they had the beneft. Then, again, if any fortunate marksmen should beat their last vear's record these gentlemen have still the privilege of challenging one or more of the interloping victors to a new trial of skill, which would finally determine the contest as between such parties. From the present aspect of the contest it is not iskely that any of the old team will suffer a challenge on account of their last year's scores being bearen by some cutsider, for there are hardly any new men worth while considering as possible opponents of the team of 1874. There is no doubt but that the arrangements and rules for the contest this year were made with the best intentions and with a view to the greatest possible latiness; still it is right that any cause of complaint, either real or inniced, should have a hearing.

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Among the gentlemen present yesterday at reedmoor were General Sheler, General Meserole,	16
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The following letter has been received from Major Leech:-

Major Leech:

DUBLIN, April 16, 1875.

My Dean General Shalke—It gave me much pleasur to receive two days ago your letter or the 24th uit upo a subject most interesting to all riflemen—namely, builtorn system or targets and rules to govern futur practice. practice.
It pleases me that this idea comes from America.
Without this uniformity of practice the men adhering to
the old system shoot at a positive disalvantage when
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Betore bringing the subject to the notice of the public of livili piace your letter betore Lord Wharncliffs, who is a charming man, and is now President of the National Rithe Association of Eng.and, and I will suggest Wimbledon as the piace for the convention of rihamen, suggested in your letter, to meet and take matters over.

Believe me, my dear General, your very fathiut and sincere.

ARTHUE B. LECH.

Sew York.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

THE GAMES PLATED AND THE GAMES TO BE PLAYED. Notwithstanding the fact that variable and in-

clement weather still prevails the ball players have managed, by taking advantage of the lew hours of sunshine between the various sleet, snow and rain storms to play a number of really excellent games. The first contest of the season was that between the Boston and New Haven clubs on the 19th of April, the result being a victory for the Bostoniaus by a score of 6 to 0. Two days later the same place met again, when the result was 14 to 3 in the champlons' lavor. Waile this game was being played at New Haven the Philadelphia and Centennia clubs were having their first trial of strength at the Quaker City. The game was won by the Philadelphia club by a total of 7 to 5-a remarkably fine contest, considering the supposed On the 22d the Athletics played their first game

with the Palladelphias, winning by three runs, the score being 6 to 3. April 24 the Brooklyn Atlantics went up to Harriord and measured bats with the Harriord nine. The result was a well-contested march, the home club only winning by a score or to 5. The Centennial and Ashietic nines played on the

The Ceptennial and Athletic nines played on the 27th at Philadelphia. when the ex-coampions celerical the young climb oy the totals of 14 to 5, making nine rans—seven carned by terrific batting—in the eighth inning.

The closest game played thus far was that between the Athante and New Haven climbs at New Haven on the 23th sit, upon when occasion the Brooklyn boys gained a handsome victory by meleating their opponents by the totals of 2 to 2 in nine thit innings. From New Haven the Atlantics went back to Hartlord, where on the 27th they suffered deteat at the hands of the local club by a vecre of 10 to 1. The Philadelphia and Contennial nines had their second metang on the 25th, when the Philadelphias again defeated their opponents, the score standing 10 to 7.

New Yorkers, less favored than the inhabitants of the Quaker City, as regards weather and dry grounds, were compelled to wait until last Friday to see a game between two processional nines. Most people thought the Mutuals would have such an easy thing of it that but few sere attracted to the grounds. This was very inhoritunate, as those who remained away missed seeing a reasily flow contest. A great many ordinans plays were nade on both suces, and although the Centennials sudered defeat, they proved themselves worthy formed on ton suces, and although the Centennials sudered defeat, they proved themselves worthy formed for any clubin the greats. Six o, their himp playsers are amateurs, or at leas. Were at the opening of the season. They are one and all sharp, effective fielders, and after they have had a little. hisyers are amateurs, or at leas. Were at the opening of the season. They are one and all sharp, effective fiel-rs, and after they have had a little more experience and practice against the prolessional clubs will carry the best of them and

Bechtel is pitching with wonderful speed, and to see McGinly catch for him is really a treat.

If anything may be learned from the style of play shown by the Matani une upon the occasion in question their many treats and admirers have no occasion to fear for them during the present season. Gerhard plays a beautiful third tase game, stopping and throwing like au old veteran. Hicks is rapidly getting down to his work, and even now throws to the bases with all his old accustomed speed and accuracy. At second base Nelson is astonishing even himself by his brilliant performance, while Joe Start never played first base better than he is doing now, nor did he ever hat better.

Should the weather be lavorable a number of games between professional times will be played on the Union Grounds this week, thus affording New Yorkers an opportunity of judying for themselves of the merits of the various clubs. Bechtel is pitching with wonderful speed, and to

ATHLETIC VS. PHILADELPHIA. The Athletic and Philadelphia clubs played at Philadelphia yesterday, with the following re-

CENTENNIAL VS. NEW HAVEN. These clubs played at New Haven yesterday, making the following score :-

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BASE BALL NOTES. The following games will be played on the Union Grounds this week :-Monday.—Soston vs. Mutual. Tussday.—Mutual vs. Athantic. Wednesday.—Adhantic vs. Philadelphis. Thussday.—Mutual vs. Philadelphis. Friday.—Athantic vs. Centennial.

NEW YORK CITY.

The police made 1.537 arrests during the week, Debtors for Croton water rents have an opportunity of settling with the department.

There were 550 dearhs, 464 births, 208 marriages and 54 stillbirths in this city during the week. The Free Labor Bureau for Women, situated at No. 8 Clinton place, met its death yesterday. Cause, lack of cash.

The spring exodus for Europe has just begun Yesterday steamers carried out 679 cabin and 1,186 steerage passengers. Mr. Elting died suddenly under suspicious cir-

cumstances, resterday, at No. 21 Clinton place. Coroner Croker was notified to nold an inquest. Fresh shad is below par. Only 75,000 have been sent to the New York market during the last two days, and they averaged at least three pounds

The Excise Board will take under consideration the advisability of a reduction of the liquor dealers' license fee at their regular meeting to-A regnion commemorating the fortieth anni-

versary of the Principal's connection with School No. 14, East Twenty-seventh street, is to take place in June. The pupits of classes from 1835 to 1860 inclusive will participate in the exercises. The examination of the students of the Colum

his Law School was continued yesterday at the school building in Bond street. The candidates for degrees were required to undergo a rigid scrutiny as to their knowledge of real estate law. Weston, the pedal artist, proposes in his next feat to foot 515 miles in six days, 200 miles in twe days, 120 miles inside of twenty-five hours and 111 miles inside of twenty-four hours. If Wesion accomplishes the above feats with his feet he will deserved to be fetted.

The seventh anniversary of the pastor of the Vestminster Presbyterian church, Rev. G. D. Mathews, will take place at the church in Twenty-second street, between Sixin and Seventh av-eluces, this evening. Several eminent pulpit orators are announced to speak.

Shortly after four o'clock yesterday morning a fire proke out in the cellar of the four story brick building No. 20 Jay street, occupied by Martin Y. Bunn as a grocery store and residence. The dam-age to the stock in the grocery store is estimated at about \$2,000, and to the building at \$500, all of which is covered by insurance.

The Comptroiler has provided for the amount reuired for the interest payable on the city debt. The total debt upon which the interest has so crued according to his figures amounts to \$118,357,257 24, the interest being \$2,472,768 64, of which amount the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund soil \$66,824,677 36, and the interest they will receive is \$671,235 32. According to custom the several Police Justices

hanged their places yesterday, and for the next four months Justices Otterbourg and Sherwood four months Justices Otterbourg and Sherwood will preside at the Tombs Police Court, Justices Smith and Morgan at the Essex Market Police Court, Justices Wandell and Bixby at the Washington place Police Court, Justices Klibreth and Kasmire at the Yorkville Court and Justices Murray and Fiammer at the Harlein Court, Justices Wurgay and Fiammer at the Harlein Court, Justices Wueceler will remain at the Westonester Court.

BROOKLYN.

The receipts for taxes during the week amounted 10 \$155,747 94.

will be rung to-day for the first time. The total number of arrests during the month of April was 1,964. Last week there were 485 taken into custody by the police. During the past month 1,177 licenses were

granted by Hack Inspector Jones. The revenue derived from this source amounted to \$3,528 28. The May term of the Court of Sessions will open on Monday, when the Grand Jury will be empan-nelled. The criminal calendar is pretty heavy. The residence of ex-Congressman Tunis G. Bergen, at Bay Ridge, was damaged by fire to the

amount of \$500 on Friday night. The fire originated through the carelessness of some tinsmiths who were at work in the house. vere at work in the house.

James McCarthy was remanded to jail by Jusico Delmar, yesterday, on the charge of buying 4,600 pounds of tallow which was stolen from John Diamond, of No. 55 Fearl street, New York. Cap-tain Fern, of the Table precinct, has recovered nearly half the property.

Justice Riely yesterday committed Margaret Marr and Rebecca Tuckerton to await examination on a charge of stealing a box containing \$1,136 worth of jeweiry from the readence of Mr. Henry Hodges, their employer, No. 81 South Oxford street. The robbery was committed on the 9th of last month, but it was not till yesterday that the rogues were arrested by Captain Crait They conie-sed their guilt and a large portion of the property has been recovered by the police.

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The following inscription, written by the Warden, hangs outside cell No. 60 in the Hudson County Pentrentiary: - "James Camel, age 23, wate, 168 pounds, lite 5 feet 8 inches."

The Sheridan tragedy is still the subject of earnest discussion in Jersey City. A post-mortem examina lon was made by County Physician Stout yesier lay morning. A piece of the skull, an look in dismeter, had been driven into the brain, and the inflammation which resulted was the cause of

The members of the new Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson county were sworn in yester day at Jersey City, before Judge Knapp. member was required to furnish bands in the sum or \$10,000. H. K. Van Hora was aworn 10 as a member from the Sixth district, and the regula ly elected member, Mr. Wicknam, has taken the case to the Supreme Court.

The Rev. Dominick Kraus, paster of St. Senilace churen, Jersey City, left for Europe yesterday by the steamship Donau. He was escorted to the whatfin Hoboken by several bundred members of his congregation. A purse containing \$1,000 was presented to him. He will be absent five months, this place will be supplied by one of the Capuchin Fathers of New York city.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilcox, the religious maniac who created a mouraini sensition in St. Mary's caurch, Hoboken, on Thursday night, was removed to the Treaton Linavic Assign yesterday, As the sudering creatured ave birth to a child only twelve days ago, and her decapgement is thought to be the result of lever, there is much adverse criticism on her removal to a mad house.

A one-legged lad, thirteen years of age, bob bling with a crutch, committed a bighway rob bery at the Hoboken terry vesterday morning. He attacked a fittle boy who was just coming from New York, spatened his silver watch and enaita in case he should raise an alarm. Officer Had-rapan took the deprayed cripale to the statiot house, where it took two men to search nim. the